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AFFAIRS IN CUBA

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE.

DONNER GOES ON THE STAND

He Denies Holdings in the Island by the American Sugar Refining Company—Says the Trusts Make No Advances to Cuban Planters.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Arthur Donner, treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, testified before the senate committee on Cuban relations concerning American holdings of Cuban sugar.

He said that Mr. Havemeyer's statement yesterday to the effect that his company had purchased 93,000 tons of sugar since the first of January last was correct. No more Cuban sugar could have been purchased, as none could have been bought without his knowledge as the treasurer of the company. He promised Senator Platt to send to the committee a memorandum showing the purchases made and giving dates. All the sugar which had been purchased had, he said, been paid for.

Senator Platt called attention to the discrepancy between Mr. Havemeyer's statement as to purchases amounting to 93,000 tons and the returns made by the War department, placing the American company's option at 3,285 tons up to March 25, but Mr. Donner was not able to explain it.

In response to questions by Senator Teller, Mr. Donner confirmed Mr. Havemeyer's statement, that of the trust's purchases of Cuban sugar 45,000 tons still remain in Cuba. He also said that his company dealt entirely with brokers, principally with Zaido & Co., Francisco & Co. and Cramkow & Co. of Havana and New York, and did not know the names of the producers. The American company had made no advances to the Cuban planters and had not advanced any money to the Cuban banks for the planters.

While he did not know, he said, he presumed there were other purchasers of Cuban sugar besides his own company in the field. Asked as to realty holdings in Cuba, he said that the trust had none there. He knew nothing of the private holdings of stockholders of the trust.

"You have taken some interest in securing a reduction of sugar duties by congress, have you not?" asked Mr. Teller.

"I have not," was the reply.

Senator Platt asked:

"So far as you know, has the American Sugar Refining company taken any interest whatever in forwarding or opposing the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar?"

"No, sir. I do not think so."

Senator Teller—You spoke of it as a corporation?

"Yes."

"Do you know whether the stockholders have taken any interest as such in the reduction?"

"I do not. I know nothing about it."

Henry C. Mott, purchaser of raw sugar for the trust, was the next witness. He said he had acted in that capacity for the last five years and that he buys all the raw sugar for the company except the Louisiana sugars. He confirmed previous statements that the trust had bought 93,000 tons of Cuban sugar since January 1. He said that in the course of the year the American company purchases 50 per cent of the Cuban sugar product and that he supposed the other 50 per cent is secured by other sugar refiners in the United States.

ST. LOUIS FAIR POSTPONED.

Secretary May Sends Letter to Senate Stating Necessity for Delay.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary May today sent to the senate a letter stating the necessity for postponing the Louisiana Purchase exposition from 1903 to 1904.

Enclosed with it was a letter from Chairman Carter of the government commission and a telegram from President Francis of the exposition company, showing the necessity for the postponement.

Senator Cockrell had the letter read in the senate and then offered an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, now pending in the senate, providing for the postponement of the exposition in accordance with the request.

Ten Million Dollar Road.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Great Central Railroad company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. The incorporators are J. Thoburn Ross, John K. Kolock and John E. Atchison, all of Portland, but it is understood that eastern capital is back of the movement. The articles of incorporation state that the proposed railroad will run through Idaho, Utah and Oregon to the Pacific coast.

Marching on San Domingo.

SAN DOMINGO, Republic of Santo Domingo, April 29.—A revolution headed by the vice president, Horace Vasquez, has broken out. The revolutionists in strong force are marching on this city, the capital. The government is taking serious steps to defend the city. Telegraphic communication with the interior has been cut. No further news is obtainable. The capital is quiet while awaiting expected stirring events.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

High Winds and a Lack of Precipitation Reported.

University of Nebraska.—The past week has been dry with nearly normal temperature. The daily mean temperature averaged one degree above normal in the eastern counties and two degrees below in western. Frosts were general the first days of the week.

The precipitation of the past week was below normal in southern counties and above normal in northern. Heavy snow occurred quite generally the first part of the week in western counties.

The high wind of the past week was very unfavorable for the growth of vegetation. The soil was dry and seed was blown out of the ground in some fields, while in other fields the grain was covered with dirt. Winter wheat has continued to deteriorate in condition in most parts of the state. In some southern counties considerable damage has been done and the crop will be very light under the most favorable conditions for the rest of the season. In most counties, however, generous rain soon would place the crop in good condition. Oats are a poor stand generally. The past week was especially unfavorable for the crop, besides the damage from wind and dust the frost in central and northern counties did some damage to oats. Grass and small grain have grown slowly, but the conditions were much improved in the counties north of the Platte river by the generous rain.

THE EDUCATIONAL FUNDS.

What is Set Forth in Auditor Weston's Monthly Statement.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 3.—The monthly statement of Auditor Weston shows that the uninvested portion of the permanent educational funds increased during April from \$131,000 to approximately \$265,000. This change in the condition of the funds was due to the extremely heavy disbursements from the general and current funds, upwards of \$300,000 being paid on warrants during the month. Over half of this amount is made up of warrants held by the permanent educational funds. The showing follows:

On hand on hand	March 31, April 30
General fund	\$102,533.11 \$48,306.22
Permanent school	\$15,773.29 \$23,302.14
Temporary school	\$7,222.39 \$23,534.30
Permanent university	\$6,044.50 \$3,515.13
Agricultural college endowment	\$2,040.18 \$9,002.47
Temporary university	\$3,329.50 \$9,375.55
University cash	\$6,077.54 \$12,341.12
Hospital for insane	\$21.32 \$23.31
Normal interest	\$2,346.20 \$2,346.20
Normal library	\$2,390.10 \$2,390.10
Normal endowment	\$12.40 \$12.40
State library	\$4,564.00 \$3,587.57
Pensionary fund	\$1,467.47 \$2,912.95
Agricultural and mechanical art fund	\$4,643.00 \$4,643.00
Agricultural experiment station fund	\$1,114.58 \$1,114.58
Pensionary land fund	\$3,422.00 \$3,422.00
Total	\$265,712.30 \$131,000.00

RAILROAD RETURNS READY.

State Board Will Commence Fixing Valuation for Assessments.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 3.—The State Board of Equalization will meet Monday to begin the work of fixing the valuation of railroad, telegraph and telephone property for the purpose of taxation. Some headway may be made at this early meeting, but it is not likely that the task will be finished before May 15.

All the railroad, telegraph and telephone companies have reported on their property and we have their figures presented in tabulated form for the consideration of the board," said Auditor Weston recently. "The various companies have listed their property on prescribed schedules, but only a few of them have submitted figures as to valuation. That is what the board must determine."

"Will the valuation of railroad property be raised?"

"I cannot say anything as to that. We intend to consider the matter thoroughly, but further than that I have nothing to say."

The Board of Equalization is composed of Governor Savage, Auditor Weston and Treasurer Stuefer.

Sergeant Werner Home Again.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 3.—Sergeant William Werner of the Eighteenth United States infantry, who has been in the Philippines for the last three years, is home on a visit.

Married for Fifty Years.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 3.—The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Dimon was celebrated at half past yesterday in honor of ex-Secretary Morton.

Militia Encampment in Doubt.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 3.—The state military authorities are undecided as to whether or not to have an encampment of the Nebraska National guard held this year. The funds available are not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of such a meeting of the reserve military forces, and because of this condition it is not likely that an encampment will be held. The State Military board will soon discuss the matter.

Fear Scourge from Worms.

FARNAM, Neb., May 3.—The farmers of this section of the county are much annoyed and dismayed because of the infestations or ravages of a worm. Specimens of it have been sent to Prof. Bruner of the University of Nebraska, who pronounces it a "species of army worm." Quite large areas of winter wheat and rye have been ruined. The worms multiply in numbers very rapidly. Corn planting is being delayed for fear of the worm.

PUT OFF THE FAIR

PRESIDENT FRANCIS AND OTHERS FAVOR POSTPONING.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES NOT READY

Senate is to Be Advised to Ordain Postponement to the Year 1904 Before Final Passage of the Civil Sundry Appropriation Bill.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—The following statement was given out last evening by President David R. Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company:

"The sundry civil appropriation bill, which passed the house several weeks ago and is now going through the senate, contains an appropriation of \$1,250,000 to provide for a government exhibit, a special Indian exhibit, and the additional cost of the government building at the Louisiana Purchase exposition. It was deemed advisable to have the date of the fair definitely fixed in that bill, in the event any change from 1903 should be decided upon.

"For many months past the fair has virtually been postponed for one year. A decided majority of the directors prefer 1904 and have for six months or more. The repeated request of business, domestic and foreign exhibitors for postponement; advice from foreign governments to the effect that they had not sufficient time to make preparations for a representative exhibit in 1903; the statement of Governor Taft that the Philippines would not be able to install their exhibits in a creditable manner if the exposition should be postponed to 1904; the expressed fear of the government architect that he could not procure material for a government building by 1903, and the fact that the general public has for months past considered postponement a foregone conclusion, were some of the reasons that moved the executive committee to authorize me to inform the national commission that any action of congress changing the time of the exposition from 1903 to 1904 would be acceptable."

Senator Cockrell wired me this afternoon that the sundry civil appropriation bill would pass the senate on Saturday, and if a change of date was to be incorporated therein congress should be immediately advised of the wishes of the local corporation. The executive committee authorize me to express its wishes to the effect that a postponement should be obtained by congress.

"Up to this hour over fifty of the directors have been consulted and without exception every one favored postponement. I have therefore replied to President Carter of the national commission to that effect, and have asked that our conclusions be submitted to congress and to the president. I think there is no doubt as to the action congress will take, or that it will be in favor of postponement."

Fire Again Hits Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, S. D., May 2.—The second disastrous fire within a week visited this place early yesterday morning when flames, aided by a gale destroyed the opera house.

The strong wind threatened to drive the fire into the business portion of the city, but the fire department, aided by a falling rain, confined the blaze to the structure.

The origin of this conflagration, as well as the fire which destroyed the grain palace at this place a few days ago, is no doubt incendiary.

Henderson Renominated.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 2.—Congressman D. B. Henderson, speaker of the house of representatives, was renominated for the eleventh successive time at the Third district convention in Waterloo yesterday. The nomination was unanimous, Mr. Henderson's opponent having withdrawn.

Called to Meet the Pope.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 2.—Cardinal Martini, apostolic delegate to the United States, stated today that he had been recalled to Rome by Pope Leo XIII.

Flags at Half Mast.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—By direction of the president, the flags on all the executive departments were displayed at half mast yesterday in honor of ex-Secretary Morton.

Heroes of Manila Bay Meet.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The fourth anniversary of the battle of Manila bay was celebrated here tonight at a dinner at the Raleigh hotel by those officers now in the city who participated in the engagement. They included the following: Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Coghlan and Entwistle, Captains Ford and Lamberton, Paymaster Galt, Lieutenant Commanders Bagley and Ransom, Commanders Briggs, Rees and Inch.

Sues for Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Messrs. Egbert Jamieson, Dudley and Michener and Robert Christy, as attorneys for John Colestin Landrean, have filed with the secretary of state a petition against the government of Peru, claiming a one-half interest in the reward, amounting to \$15,000,000, promised by that government to his brother, J. Theophile Landrean, the original discoverer of valuable deposits of guano.

ORDERS TO MERRITT STREET.

United States Not Committed by Action of Troops to Any Policy.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Major General MacArthur yesterday continued his testimony before the senate committee on the Philippines. Answering a question by Senator Culbertson, the general stated that Aguinaldo and the Filipino people were justified in concluding that the actions of the United States army are sympathetic.

The Filipino, he said, were in a resentful and vindictive opposition to Spain and any active force on their part against Spain naturally helped the United States, and vice versa, but, he said, there was a distinct purpose through the intercourse between the Americans and the Filipinos to repudiate the idea of direct co-operation which in any way committed the United States to a policy.

General MacArthur said, "The strictest orders not to commit the government, but Aguinaldo was anxious to make an artificial record which would oblige General Merritt to do something he did not want to do. 'The Filipino,' said General MacArthur, 'has quite a comprehensive knowledge of Latin diplomacy.'"

Aguinaldo was landed at Manila aboard an American warship because he was a useful individual, who could be employed in a manner that would contribute to American success.

TORNADO AT BAYARD, IOWA.

Depot and Several Dwellings Destroyed and Other Damage Done.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 2.—A tornado struck Bayard, Ia., at 7:30 last night. Two elevators, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot and a number of dwelling houses were destroyed. The agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is missing and is supposed to have been killed or injured. Telegraphic communications with Bayard were paralyzed by the storm. Details of the disaster are difficult to obtain.

At Vanwert a funnel-shaped cloud dropped down on the town. The high wind blew down houses and barns and uprooted large trees. Several people were reported injured, but none killed.

At Weldon a farmhouse was blown down and three children were injured. The tornado was seen from the town of Leroy, but that town was not in its path. All these towns, except Bayard, are in Decatur county.

MOODY TAKES THE OATH.

Former Congressman Now the Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Wm. Henry Moody, the new secretary of the navy, took the oath of office at the navy department yesterday morning. The oath was administered by E. P. Hanna, solicitor of the department.

Those present besides the retiring secretary, Mr. Long, were Assistant Secretary Darling, former Assistant Secretary Hackett and Representatives Roberts, McCall, Lawrence and Green of Massachusetts.

The entire personnel of the department was then presented to Mr. Moody, the clerk at the same time bidding Mr. Long farewell.

Army of Consuls for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The house committee on foreign affairs today offered a favorable report on the bill of Representative Hitt of Illinois, establishing a United States diplomatic and consular service in Cuba, with a United States minister at \$10,000; secretary at \$2,000; second secretary, \$1,500; consul general at Havana, \$7,000; consuls at Cienfuegos and Santiago, \$3,000 each. The bill directs the senate, which allows the minister a salary of \$12,000 and adds a consulate at Matanzas.

May Soon Get Together.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the conciliatory committee of the national electric federation said tonight that he had not yet received the report of the meeting of the representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers, which has just been held in New York. Pending its receipt the senator is unable to say when a meeting of the conciliation committee will be held.

Extension of the Katy.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 2.—Contractors of Chicago and Terre Haute signed a contract to construct 265 miles of railroad in Oklahoma, an extension of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Budget in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.—The debate on the budget in the provincial legislature was continued until 10 o'clock Wednesday, the members of the opposition talking against time to prevent the house from going into committee of supply. They were successful in defeating the object of the government, which was to rush through the debate. The debate had not been completed when the house adjourned for executive work.

White Star Line Gets Large Part.

LONDON, May 2.—According to the Liverpool Post, one-third of the £24,000,000 capital of the shipping combine will be required to liquidate the White Star line interests. The paper also says that a substantial proportion of the preference shares will be handed over to the owners of the White Star Line, who will also get £2,000,000 in cash from the sale of the debentures, which will be made at an early date.

KILL AN OUTLAW

A MORE THIEF FIRES ON PURSUER AND MEETS DEATH.

A BATTLE IN THE SAND HILLS

Sherriff Houch of Ord Hurt in the Fight—One Thief Shot Down and the Other Captured—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., April 30.—Charles Wilson, horse thief, is dead, and Sheriff Houch of Ord is wounded, as a result of two battles with two horse thieves near North Loup. Geo. Haskell, Wilson's partner in crime, is in jail in this city. Wilson was shot in the head by his pursuers in the second battle. Haskell was captured soon after without resistance. Houch was shot in the foot and in the hand. His injuries are not serious.

The battles resulted from a chase after horse thieves in Greeley, Sherman and Valley counties. Thursday night six horses were stolen, two each from Farmers Prichard, Peterson and Giles, living about seventeen miles northeast of Greeley Center. The trail of the thieves was at once taken up.

The pursuers were aided by Detective C. M. Franklin and Malone's bloodhounds from Lincoln. The posse pursued the thieves until ex-Sheriff Houch and Sheriff Kake came upon them in the sand hills. The horse thieves turned on their pursuers and a battle ensued in which Houch was wounded, being hit twice. Many shots were fired by both sides. Finally the thieves escaped. The chase continued and in the afternoon Meyers and the Hutchins brothers again set within range of the fugitives. They at once reopened fire.

The shooting attracted other sections of the pursuing party, scattered over two or three miles of sand hill territory and they began closing in on the thieves. When they reached the first party they found that Wilson had been killed and that Haskell had been taken prisoner.

From near Spaulding, where the horses were taken, the thieves took a southwesterly direction into Sherman county. Then they moved northward into Valley county, where the pursuers, by cutting across country, soon overtook them. They passed through Loup City with the horses. When they reached the sand hills they apparently thought they were on safe ground and proceeded more leisurely.

The six horses were recovered, the two men having them in their possession. They have been identified by their owners. Haskell admits that he and Wilson stole them.

Pay Tribute to Morton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Officials of the department of agriculture adopted resolutions on the death of Former Secretary Morton at Chicago. Dr. O. E. Dyson of the Chicago headquarters of the bureau of animal industry; H. J. Cox, of the Chicago weather bureau; and Dr. C. Ayer, of Omaha, were appointed a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of the department.

Cherry Duchess Is Dead.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 30.—The famous show cow, Cherry Duchess No. 49178, owned by the Riverdale ranch at Ashland, Neb., died April 27. Cherry Duchess met with an accident on April 11, and her owner, in order to relieve her of her suffering, ordered her killed. Cherry Duchess was not only a show cow, but a first class breeder also. She died at the age of 12 years.

New Corporations.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 30.—The Provident Land Investment company, incorporated by C. M. Christensen and O. H. Davidson of Omaha, has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000. Thomas R. Ashley of Decatur has applied to the state banking board for permission to start a private bank.

But Nine Cases for Trial.

FREMONT, Neb., April 30.—Judge Hollenbeck in district court called the cases which will be tried at the May term, nine in number. This is the smallest list which has been made up for any term in Dodge county for the last ten years. None of the cases are of special importance.

Former Nebraskan Dead.

YORK, Neb., April 30.—A telegram was received here stating that Charles F. Dillon, a former resident of this place, had died at Lead City, S. D.

The Town in Mourning.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 30.—The news of the death of J. Sterling Morton has caused the town to take on the garb of deepest mourning. Long streamers of black crape are hanging from the front of both public and private buildings. Telegrams of condolence have been coming in from Mr. Morton's friends all over the country, bringing additional evidence of the great regard in which he was held in this city.

Working the Farmers.

RANDOLPH, Neb., April 30.—Many farmers in this vicinity are wiser but poorer for confidence they placed in W. G. McKay. He came here as agent for a Chicago grocery store, but later organized the Farmers' Trading association, the members of which were to receive 15 cents per dozen for eggs and 20 cents a pound for butter in cash the year round. A membership fee of \$10 was collected. From this source McKay got about \$2,500.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Denver Times has been sold for \$110,000.

American troops in Cuba are being withdrawn.

John Field, an old-time Omaha contractor, died in Dubuque, Ia.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Michael Connelly quarrelled with and killed his mother-in-law.

Reports from the sealing vessels indicate that the season's catch will be \$70,000.

So far forty bodies have been recovered from the City of Pittsburg wreck at Cairo, Ill.

Miss Ellen M. Stone has been engaged to lecture at the Iowa Chautauque meeting in June.

Mayor Crane of Denver, Colo., has just invented a rotary ore-working machine for use in gold mines.

James M. Humphreys of Franklin, Neb., has been admitted to practice before the interior department.

Governor Yates of Illinois was recently in a wreck on the Illinois Central, but was not much injured.

Colored women of Iowa will meet at Ottumwa on the 23d and 24th of May to plan a permanent organization.

Congressman Mercer has secured a favorable report on his bill for a \$25,000 fish hatchery for Sarpy county, Nebraska.

Thirty ladrones, armed with Mausers, ambushed five of the constabulary near Manila, killing one man and injuring another.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson entertained President and Mrs. Roosevelt and a number of other guests at a reception and dinner party.

W. D. Lowell of Des Moines, Ia., was the only bidder for the erection of the tank and pumping plant for the Fort Bartholdi Indian agency, N. D., at \$6,440.

The nomination was announced by the president of R. M. Withrop of Massachusetts to be secretary of the United States legation at Brussels, Belgium.

Alfred Smith, colored, was strangled to death officially in the Moyamensing prison at Philadelphia for the murder of his wife last spring. She refused to live with him.

The King's Daughters' home, a charitable institution at Oakland, Cal., was destroyed by fire. William Bray, an ex-New York editor, lost his life in the conflagration.

Every white laundry is closed in Portland, Ore., on account of a strike of the employees, who demand recognition of their union and an 8 per cent increase in wages.

While J. P. Glass, cashier of the Bank of Brownsville, Ore., was at dinner a robber effected an entrance to the bank and escaped with \$1,800, which was left outside the vault.

According to dispatches to the Colombian revolutionary junta in New York, Rio Hacha, a city on the northern coast of Colombia, has been captured by the revolutionary forces.

Manufacturers of burglar proof safes will test their safes with high explosives before the coming meeting of the South Dakota Bankers' association, to be held in Huron, May 21.

Bishop Frank R. Millsap of Kansas will continue in the charge of the Episcopal missionary diocese of Saline until fall, on account of the refusal of Rev. Nathaniel Thomas to take the place.

The senate has passed the Flynn resolution, which has already passed the house, directing the printing of 5,000 additional copies of the last report of the governor of Oklahoma territory.

It is reported that the Santa Fe has purchased the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado line. This would give the Santa Fe valuable connections for the coming winter's fair, and St. Louis an additional line to Kansas City.

The president has signed the legislative appropriation bill. Under its provisions the 1,000 or more clerks who were temporarily appointed during the war with Spain are given permanent employment and placed within the operations of the civil service law.

The discovery of copper ore in rush of prospectors from Guthrie, Okl. The report that he will resign is vigorously denied by Bishop James Conaty, rector of the Catholic university of the Wichita mountains has caused a city of America.

The machinists' strike on the Northern Pacific in Minnesota is at an end.

Morris Hickey, aged 77, is dead at St. Joseph. He was a railroad contractor and one of the originators of the Hannibal road in Missouri.

A \$50,000 fire destroyed the manufacturing district at Glen Falls, N. Y. At Boston the international cable chess tournament between American and English college teams ended in a sweeping victory for the American team.

A wind storm worked havoc at Pittsburg, destroying an immense amount of property.

It is estimated that 2,000 delegates will attend the meeting of the German Lutheran synodical conference to be held at Milwaukee June 23.

Rev. H. J. Burleigh, a pioneer Iowa missionary, is dead.

The British cruiser Thames has returned to Greenock, England after having covered 3,200 miles in a fruitless search for the missing Alton liner Huronian.

The first regular contract ever made in the world to pick cotton by machinery was closed in Greenville, Ala., a few days since and the first experiment with the machine will be made on a plantation in Washington county.

POINT WHERE HE DREW THE LINE

Considered That He Had Crossed His Wife Long Enough.

At a smoker recently given by J. Burwood Daly to his colleagues of the Democratic executive committee of the Twenty-eighth ward one of the speakers related the following:

About a week ago three members of our committee whom I will algebraically designate as X, Y and Z, wound up a night of it with a bet that each would do the first thing his wife asked of him, whatever it might be, or pay for an oyster supper for the three the following Sunday night.

When they met, X said: "When I got in my room I tried to pour get a drink of water, but in doing so let the glass fall and it broke."

"There!" called out my wife "wonder!"

"I immediately raised the window and heaved out the pitcher, the crash of which on the sidewalk aroused the neighbors, and even brought the policeman of the beat from under cover and thereby made an enemy of him."

"I was cautious and went across the dining-room to find the gas," said Y, "and knocked over a chair. My wife called down from the second-story front very gently: